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### V. Traffic Regulations; Offenses Regarding Vehicles, Driving, Licensing, and Registration

#### B. Offenses Regarding Licensing and Registration

#### 2. Drivers' Licenses

## § 260. Drivers' licenses, generally

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### West's Key Number Digest

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[Validity of Routine Roadblocks by State or Local Police for Purpose of Discovery of Driver's License, Registration, and Safety Violations, 116 A.L.R.5th 479](#)

A license to operate a motor vehicle is not a right but a privilege subject to reasonable regulations,<sup>1</sup> and that privilege may be revoked or suspended for cause.<sup>2</sup> A violation of any of the various regulations relating to drivers' and chauffeurs' licenses is generally made a criminal offense by statute. For example, the making of false statements in an application for such a license,<sup>3</sup> the possession of a license bearing a false name, address, and date of birth,<sup>4</sup> the driving of a motor vehicle without being licensed,<sup>5</sup> the failure to display a driver's license upon a proper demand therefor,<sup>6</sup> and driving during a period when one's license is suspended or revoked<sup>7</sup> are usually regarded as criminal offenses.

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### Footnotes

1                   State v. Cifelli, 214 Ariz. 524, 155 P.3d 363 (Ct. App. Div. 1 2007); State v. Becker, 36 Kan. App. 2d 828,  
145 P.3d 938 (2006); Com. v. Spease, 2006 PA Super 323, 911 A.2d 952 (2006); Ex parte Drake, 212 S.W.3d  
2                   822 (Tex. App. Austin 2006), petition for discretionary review refused, (Apr. 18, 2007).  
3                   Boone v. State, 256 Ga. App. 220, 568 S.E.2d 91 (2002); Nelson v. Driscoll, 1999 MT 193, 295 Mont. 363,  
983 P.2d 972 (1999); Walton v. Com., 255 Va. 422, 497 S.E.2d 869 (1998).  
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petition for discretionary review refused, (May 20, 1987).  
5                   State v. Farkas, 64 Ohio App. 3d 224, 580 N.E.2d 1154 (8th Dist. Cuyahoga County 1989).  
6                   § 261.  
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